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DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION WITH ERHARD YESTERDAY, EMBASSY OFFICER OBSERVED THAT FEDERAL MINISTER AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS, MOST RECENTLY SONNEMAN TO BEALE, HAD REMARKED AGRICULTURAL IMPORT RESTRICTIONS REQUIRED TO PROTECT INDUSTRIAL EXPORTS AND INQUIRED AS TO GATT IMPLICATIONS. ERHARD SMILINGLY EVADED QUESTION, ADDING PROBLEM OF PROTECTIONISM NOT SOMETHING LIMITED TO FEDERAL REPUBLIC BUT WAS ALSO TO BE FOUND IN U.S. IN FACT, HE CONTINUED, HE MIGHT DISCUSS AMERICAN PROTECTIONIST TRENDS DURING HIS COMING VISIT TO U.S.

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